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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

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For:

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MAIL STOP PETITIONS

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: **MAIL STOP PETITIONS**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 18, 2003, indicating that the above-identified patent application is abandoned for failure to timely file the issue fee in response to the Notice of Allowance. The Notice of Abandonment does not state when the Notice of Allowance was issued, but the PAIR system indicates that a Notice of Allowance was mailed on December 13, 2002.

However, the Notice of Allowance was never delivered at any address to applicant's representatives of record. Accordingly, by this Petition, applicant respectfully requests the United States Patent and Trademark Office to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this patent application.

Statements of Facts under MPEP §711.03(c)(II)

On April 28, 2003 our office received a Notice of Abandonment mailed April 18, 2003 indicating that the above-referenced application is abandoned in view of applicant's failure to timely pay the issue fee in response to the Notice of Allowance. However, the Notice of Allowance was never received by Applicant or their representatives. According to the PAIR system, a Notice of Allowance was mailed on December 13, 2002. Thus, if the Notice of Allowance had been delivered, the response period would appear to expire on March 13, 2003.

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions that the holding of abandonment for the above-identified patent application be withdrawn, based on a failure of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to deliver the Office Action to applicant's representatives.

In accordance with the requirements of MPEP 711.03(c)(II) to establish non-receipt of a United States Patent and Trademark Office communication, the undersigned agent for applicant hereby attests:

1. Neither I nor Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, as addressee, received the original or any copy of the Notice of Allowance; and
2. I have carefully searched the Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP file and docket records for the above identified patent application and have determined that the Notice of Allowance was not in or a part of such file/records.
3. Attached hereto is a copy of the relevant Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's docketing records (**Exhibit A**) for the above-identified patent application, which

expressly reflects a chronological listing illustrating where the Notice of Allowance would have been entered had it been received by Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP.

In view of the above showing, applicant requests the grant of this Petition to withdraw the current holding of abandonment. Applicant is not aware of any fee required for this Petition; however, in the event that a fee is required, please charge any necessary fee (other than the issue fee) to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLIENT **15162** **MINOLTA CO., LTD.** **1** CREF **F10202/TM** SE **NO** CONF# **4237**

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PRIOR APPLICATIONS

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NOTES

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